



IDAHO POTATOES

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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.37 million cwt of 2005 crop raw potatoes during December, down 2 percent from last year. For the 2005 crop, processors have used a total of 29.0 million cwt to January 1, down 6 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 24.2 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.80 million cwt were produced in other states.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2004 AND 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960						
IDAHO Potatoes	2004-05	8,300	14,880	21,060	26,850	32,430	39,630	45,330	51,800	59,230	75,710
	2005-06	5,540	11,780	18,010	24,160						
Maine 2/	2004-05			1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06			1,290	1,805						
Wash. & Other Area, OR	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,880						
Other States 3/	2004-05			12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06			11,820	15,030						
TOTAL	2004-05			70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06			66,010	81,675						
DEHYDRATED 4/	2004-05			14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06			12,180	15,995						

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 74.5 million cwt, 10.0 million cwt less than on hand January 1, 2005. Disappearance, at 42.5 million cwt, is down from last year's 47.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.80 million cwt, down from last year's revised 5.60 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 69.7 million cwt, were 9.2 million cwt less than the amount stored on January 1, 2005.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 219 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below January 1, 2004, for comparable States. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Disappearance of 154 million cwt from the start of harvest to January 1, is down 7 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 16.2 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year for comparable States.

Western States held 156 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 5 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 12 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds stored 11 percent less than in 2005, stocks in Montana are 3 percent below last season, and California's stocks decreased 43 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 14 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 7 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 49.5 million cwt of potato stocks on January 1, down 14 percent from last year for comparable States. Minnesota's potato stocks decreased 4 percent from last year, Wisconsin's stocks are down 7 percent from 2005, Nebraska's potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last season, and stocks in North Dakota are 35 percent below January 1, 2005. Michigan potato sheds stored 2 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 13.8 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, down 4 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds hold 10 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 44 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES PRODUCTION & STOCKS 2000-2005 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES 1/, 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt							
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	116,975	84,000	74,500					
15 States 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900					

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ 13 states for 2005.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 2005 AND JANUARY 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP 2005			
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2005	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2005	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2006	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt			Percent
California	3,648	2,300	63	3,240	1,600	1,300	40
Colorado	23,791	15,800	66	22,292	16,300	14,000	63
Idaho	131,970	84,500	64	116,975	84,000	74,500	64
Maine	19,065	12,800	67	15,736	12,800	11,500	73
Michigan	13,650	6,300	46	13,920	7,900	6,400	46
Minnesota	18,920	11,600	61	17,630	13,500	11,100	63
Montana	3,551	3,400	96	3,434	3,400	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	5,300	57	8,245	5,700	4,900	59
New York	5,184	1,600	31	5,226	3,100	2,300	44
N. Dakota	26,765	17,500	65	20,500	14,000	11,300	55
Ohio 2/	1,080	100	9				
Oregon	19,775	14,500	73	22,023	19,000	16,500	75
Pennsylvania 2/	2,640	1,100	42				
Washington	93,810	43,000	46	95,480	52,000	46,000	48
Wisconsin	30,450	16,900	56	27,880	18,500	15,800	57
15 STATES	403,587	236,700	59	372,581	251,800	218,900	59

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

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